



Brownfields Assessment Pilots

City of Delavan, WI

BACKGROUND

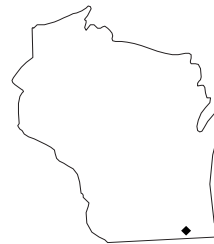
EPA has selected the City of Delavan for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. Delavan (population 7,000) is located in southeastern Wisconsin, approximately 40 miles southwest of Milwaukee.

The city has targeted the Ann Street Railroad Corridor for this Pilot. This corridor is a 14-acre light industrial and commercial tract in a mixed residential area. Potentially contaminated brownfield sites in the corridor border a park, commercial area, residential homes, schools, and churches less than a quarter of a mile from downtown Delavan. Environmental contamination is suspected at all 12 target sites in the corridor, and contamination is known to exist at seven of the sites. Known or suspected contaminants include chlorinated solvents and heavy metals. The blighted properties in the corridor have deterred current industries from expanding or remodeling and have curtailed new business development. More than 1,000 people live in areas surrounding the project area, and 16.2 percent of that population consists of low-income households. Minorities account for 6.5 percent of this population.

OBJECTIVES

Delavan's overall objective is to bring commercial and professional businesses to the former industrial sites in the rail corridor while preserving existing neighborhoods adjacent to the area. To help the city meet this objective, the Pilot will define the contamination on eight of the 12 properties in the target area and plan for the cleanup and redevelopment of the entire corridor.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



*City of Delavan,
Wisconsin*

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May 2002

Amount: \$ 200,000

Profile: The Pilot targets industrial and commercial properties in a downtown rail corridor that is curtailing new business development in a low-income area.

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www.epa.gov/brownfields

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting Phase I environmental assessments on at least six sites in the target area;

- Conducting Phase II environmental assessments on four or more of these sites; and
- Developing a composite cleanup and development plan for the entire corridor.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.